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RURAL CARRIERS FORM ORGANIZATION

An Interesting Meeting Was Held in Huntingdon Monday, September 1

Last Monday being labor day and a national holiday a number of the rural carriers of the county met at the court house in Huntingdon and formed an organization for the county.

An organization existed at one time, but it had been permitted to go down and the carriers decided to effect a new organization, and the meeting Monday was for that purpose.

The meeting was called to order by J. Fred Walters, who explained the object of the coming together. The organization was perfected by electing the following officers: J. Fred Walters, of Huntingdon, president; W. C. Sanders, of Westport, secretary; J. D. Crawford, of Huntingdon, assistant secretary; M. A. McCollum, of Huntingdon, treasurer.

The following committees were appointed: Constitution and by-laws, E. R. Johnson, of Huntingdon; R. E. Pate, of McKenzie; and G. R. Whitehorn, of Westport. Resolutions—W. H. Blair, of Leach; G. H. Fulgham, of McKenzie; L. E. Brown, of Trezevant. Membership—G. B. Whitehorn, E. R. Johnson and L. E. Brown.

G. H. Fulgham was unanimously elected to represent the county at Memphis in October at the meeting to discuss salary adjustments. There were sixteen carriers present and gave their names as members of the new organization. The next meeting will be held in Huntingdon on Thanksgiving day.

Delegates Appointed

At a meeting of Stonewall Jackson Bivouac held at McKenzie last Saturday J. M. J. Moore and Charley Ross were appointed delegates to the annual reunion of confederate soldiers to be held at Atlanta, October 7, 8, 9 and 10. Railroads have given a rate of one cent a mile each way, and the delegates will be entertained by the citizens of Atlanta. At the meeting of the camp Saturday J. M. J. Moore was elected secretary of the camp, taking the place filled so long and efficiently by Dr. J. P. Cannon.

PITIFUL PLIGHT CRAZED ON RELIGION

Will Williamson Loses His Mind and is Carried to Bolivar Asylum Wednesday

Will Williamson, an excellent citizen of the Seventh district, has become demented and was carried to the West Tennessee asylum Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Williamson became crazed last week over religion, and his condition was so desperate that he was brought to town and placed in jail. He lost complete control of his mind, became wild and almost uncontrollable. He tore his clothes from his body when placed in his cell and at times it took two or three men to manage him.

He suffered with the hallucination that he was called to preach, and while in jail spent a great deal of his time preaching, his language being disconnected and meaningless. Many people were attracted to the jail and witnessed his pitiful plight.

Mr. Williamson is a good christian man, with many friends who regret his sad condition and sympathize with his people.

First Monday Crowd

There was a fairly large crowd in Huntingdon last Monday. Many were brought here on account of the approaching republican primary and the interest in the various candidates. There was

much planning and organizing interests among the candidates and their friends. All the candidates were exceedingly busy, urging their claims and shaking hands with friends. The "influential" citizen was on hand, ready to tell just how it can be done and just what it will take to carry his district. We understand some of these fellows went home very much disappointed. Their "influence" was not valued as high as they thought it should be. The order was good and the crowd seemed to be in good spirits.

Unveiling Exercises

There will be an unveiling of a monument to the grave of A. E. Johnson at Liberty in the Seventh district the third Sunday in this month. The unveiling will be under the auspices of the W. O. W. and the exercises will begin at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. T. M. Boyd will make the address. Every body is invited.

BIG LAND DEALS MUCH ACTIVITY

Homes Being Sought and Real Estate Transfers Are Quite Frequent

Some big real estate deals have been made in this community within the last ten days, and the real estate market is active.

W. E. Townes has sold his farm in the Ninth district to Finch Bros., of Martin. This is a fine farm and the consideration was \$11,400. The new owners will improve the property some, we understand, and place it on the market. These are land dealers and they know a good proposition when they see it. Mr. Townes then bought the J. W. Heath farm, five miles north of town, near Bennett's levee. He paid \$8,000 for this farm, which contains some fine land and is quite productive. J. Wesley Williams sold his farm, lying just west of town, last Saturday to C. H. McAskill, who lives a mile south of town, for \$8,500. This is a splendid farm and has advanced in price rapidly during the last few years.

W. Clifford Williams has sold his farm, the Bramley place near McLemoresville, to M. S. Mitchell, the consideration being \$5,500. This farm contains 66 acres and is well situated.

A transfer was recorded here this week of some real estate in the Thirtieth district. The lands consisted of about 240 acres and the price was \$13,000. This was the R. D. Darnal land and the purchaser was J. I. Milam from Henderson county.

Will Leave Carroll

J. W. Kennon has sold his farm in the Nineteenth district to W. M. Bost, of the Trezevant community. The consideration was \$5,300. This is the old Baxter farm and is a splendid piece of property. Mr. Kennon has bought a farm near Oxford, Miss., for which he paid \$5,000. He will move to his Mississippi home in January next, at which time Mr. Bost will take possession of his new purchase. We regret to lose Mr. Kennon and his splendid family from Carroll county. They are fine people and we hope they will prosper in Mississippi.

Laycock—Murphy

Mr. Josephus Laycock and Mrs. Martha Murphy were married last Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The marriage occurred at the home of the bride, Esquire Hopper officiating. These are fine people of the Seventh district, with a large circle of acquaintances and friends, and the marriage is a happy union. They came at once to the home of the groom where they will reside. The Democrat joins friends in wishing them a prosperous married life.

ROBIN J. COOPER VICTIM OF THUGS

Nashville is Shocked Over the Mysterious Killing of a Prominent Citizen

The body of Robin J. Cooper, prominent lawyer of Nashville, who in 1908 killed former Senator Edward W. Carmack, was found Saturday morning about 10:30 o'clock in Richland creek in Belle Meade Park, about 100 yards below the bridge, near which his departed, blood-bespattered car had been found. Mr. Cooper's body showed wounds and other marks of violence.

A preliminary examination when the body was taken from the water indicated that Mr. Cooper had been struck on the head with a rock. As the body was taken from the water the left ear bled profusely. His coat was almost torn from the body, and the trousers were torn and bore other evidence that the body had been dragged over the rocks.

Cooper left his home with a stranger Thursday night. The two left in Cooper's automobile. The machine stood on the roadside all day Friday and Friday night and no discovery of the tragedy was made until Saturday morning, when a man passing by saw the lights of the automobile still burning, and upon examination found blood on the car, Cooper's pocket-book in the car and also a blood-stained rock lying against the door. There are many theories advanced as to the cause of the killing, but none accepted as entirely reliable. Large rewards are offered for arrest of the murderer, but the officers have so far failed to arrest anyone. Many clues have been run down. Mr. Cooper is survived by his wife and three children and his aged father, Duncan Cooper.

W. H. Lassiter made a business trip to Atlanta, last week.

SCHOOL OPENS GOOD ATTENDANCE

The Huntingdon High School Starts off With Good Faculty and Fine Prospects

The Huntingdon High School opened last Monday morning with a splendid enrollment and a very decided interest was manifested. Quite a number of the patrons of the school were present and took part in the opening exercises. Rev. D. B. Raulins and Prof. D. T. Barnhill made appropriate talks and Prof. Moody, the principal, outlined briefly his plans and asked the co-operation of the students and patrons of the school.

The school starts off with a fine faculty and most excellent prospects, and we believe that excellent work will be done. From what we can learn of the school as being organized and plans being matured the work will be thorough, a thing that should be exceedingly gratifying to our people. The tendency of the schools of late has been too much toward rushing pupils through grades and graduating them without regard to efficiency or qualifications.

Card to Republicans

To the Republicans of Carroll County:—

I take this method of appealing to each and every republican voter of the county and soliciting your support for the nomination for sheriff in the coming primary, to be held September 17. It will be impossible for me to see you all in the short time that is before me, but I will appreciate very much your support and influence for this office, and assure you that if nominated I shall render the best service that I possible can.

Remember, I am in this fight to the finish, until the votes are counted and am going to win. This is the first time I have ever asked republicans for anything

and have been one all my life, have supported the ticket with my time and means, and I truly believe it is a time to change this office and put it in the hands of a new man. The people demand a change. I was born and reared in this county, and those who do not know me personally, may ask those who do. Give me the office and I will give you efficient service. I will call on as many as possible between now and the date of the primary, but if there is any one I fail to see, it will be because I do not have time, and don't let this prevent anyone from voting for me. I want your support. Try me and I will serve you.

Very respectfully,
W. S. BUTLER.

Cotton Estimate

A cotton crop of 11,250,000 bales this year was forecast Monday by the department of agriculture, which based its estimate on the condition of the crop August 25, which it announced as 61.4 per cent of a normal.

LATE GORN CROP PROMISES WELL

West Tennessee Crops Better Than in Other Sections, Says F. M. McRee

"The condition of the crops generally in this end of the state is much better than in Middle or East Tennessee," said Dr. F. M. McRee, commissioner of agriculture, Monday.

Dr. McRee has recently returned from a trip over the state. He found that after the prolonged spring rains the drought which followed in many counties in the eastern division had caused much damage to crops there.

"Both Middle and East Tennessee farmers raise much wheat," he said, "but the reports in my office show that they have lost money on it this year, for the average yield in Tennessee is only nine bushels to the acre. Last year the average was only 10 bushels. That condition must be remedied, for it costs at least \$25 an acre in Tennessee to produce an acre of wheat. The remedy is in better farming, rotation of crops, pasturing land to hogs and cattle, before wheat is sown. On my own farm in Obion county I raised this year 20 bushels to the acre but ought to have done better. Many farms in Obion have produced from 28 to 30 bushels.

"Corn generally in East Tennessee will be good if the season is long enough, and other crops generally will be about on a fair average."

In talking with a group of friends, Dr. McRee said he had no patience with the people who point to the farmer as a profiteer. "The farmer is only making a fair living," he said, "but it is the system of distribution that puts the cost so high to the consumer in the cities."

Mrs. Hattie Flays

Mrs. Hattie Smith Mays, wife of Lee Mays, died at the home of her father, D. N. Smith in McLemoresville, last Saturday from diabetes. Mr. and Mrs. Mays resided in Akron, Ohio, where Mr. Mays had a position, and they arrived at the home of Mrs. Smith's parents last Friday morning. She had been in a very critical condition for some time, and she was never conscious after she reached her father's home. The deceased was 31 years old, a member of the Methodist church and had many friends who regret her death and sympathize with the bereaved. She is survived by her parents, three brothers and two sisters. The burial occurred at McLemoresville Sunday afternoon, after funeral services conducted by the pastor, Rev. Hart. A large crowd attended the services and sympathized with the loved ones.

CROP PROSPECTS MORE PROMISING

Late Corn Looking Well—Cotton Boling Fine—Better Outlook Than Last Year

While the large crowd was in town Monday we talked with a number of farmers about the crop outlook, and we found a better state of feeling about the prospects than were expected, and found reports much more encouraging than at any time for several weeks past.

With the recent good rains late corn is growing off fine, and if frost is not too early, the yield will be pretty good. In fact, some of our farming friends say we will have a very good corn crop, and that there will be no need of the county to suffer for food and feedstuff along this line.

The cotton is boling well and the crop looks healthy and promising. It is claimed by some that the crop will be better than last year, but the acreage, of course, is shorter. The time frost comes will have much to do with the cotton yield.

The farmers are really in better spirits and more hopeful that they are going to make fairly good crops than they have been since early spring.

Farmers are still saving hay and housing all the feedstuff possible, preparing to care for their stock through the winter with as little grain outlay as can well be done.

We also found much interest in stock, especially hogs and cattle. The farmers are taking more to thoroughbred stock than ever before, and some very fine stock can be found in the county.

School Opening

The Buena Vista High School opens its 1919-20 session September 8, and will run nine months. All pupils are urged to be ready for work the opening day. The law requires that all children attend school for the full term.

Our high school furnishes the same course as any other high school of our county for the two-year course. All those desiring to take the examination for entrance to high school, report ready for the examination, September 8, at 8:30 a. m.

H. D. HUNTER, Principal.

STORE AT HICO IS BROKEN INTO

Many Articles Taken, Bloodhounds Secured and the Parties Trained

The Hico store was entered and robbed last Saturday night. An entrance was made by breaking down the front door, and from the stock there was missed shoes, hosiery, tobacco, cigars, candy and some groceries. Bloodhounds were secured from Paris. They at once took the trail and followed it about half a mile up the road to the crossing of the dirt road leading to Newbill's crossroads and the McKenae road. A second trial was made with the same result, which led to the supposition that the robbers had taken a car at this place, having left the car there for fear the noise might wake the family living near the store.

This store is owned by G. L. Bouldin, of McKenzie, and operated by B. B. Montgomery. We are not advised as to the value of the goods missing.

Miss Caroline Belew

It was quite a shock to the vicinity of Atwood when the news came of the death of Miss Caroline Belew, at the home of her brother, Dave Belew, who lives three miles west of Atwood. She died of heart disease. Her mother, three brothers, two sisters and a host relatives and friends are left to mourn her death.

Real Estate Bargains

Right Off the Bat! Farms, I Guess Yes!

Forty acres within sight of Huntingdon; lays well; nearly all in cultivation; on Memphis-to-Bristol highway; 4-room frame house and good barn. Priced for a quick deal at

\$2,000

One hundred and ten acres, 4 1-2 miles from Huntingdon; two sets of buildings; good frame house and large barn; plenty of timber; a snap at

\$4,000

Forty acres, 3 1-2 miles from Huntingdon; part bottom land and part rolling; log house. A bargain, terms to suit, at

\$1,200

Two hundred and sixty-five acres, 5 miles from railroad; 75 acres branch bottom, balance rolling; plenty of timber to build and keep up place; 4-room house; near church and school. Easy terms. Priced to sell at

\$2,500

If you Want Bargains why not come to the men that has them

Jenkins & Sons
Huntingdon, Tennessee